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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Holland Shepherd, Reclamation Specialist/Permit Lead *HHS*

RE: Permit Amendment Decision, Kennecott's Copperton Concentrator 4th Line Expansion, M/035/002, Salt Lake County, Utah

The Minerals Staff met on February 27, 1990 to make a determination regarding Kennecott's recent permit change application for the Copperton Concentrator 4th Line Expansion. A decision to categorize the expansion as a permit revision or permit amendment was to be made. No definitive criteria have been developed by the Division to clearly define what type of permit change would qualify as an amendment or a revision. Therefore, a site specific decision was required for this application. After evaluating the proposal and contrasting it against the definitions for amendment and revision, it was determined that this particular change to the MRP should be categorized as an amendment. The reasons for this decision follow:

1. Additional projected environmental impacts to the site will not increase significantly beyond the existing impacts at the concentrator site.

The permit change proposal was evaluated as to whether its overall impact(s) would create a substantial difference to the nature of the approved reclamation plan. Although the extent of the disturbed area to be reclaimed will increase, the previously approved reclamation plan for the concentrator site will not change to an extent that would require a revision categorization.

2. It was decided that additional public notice would not be necessary or advantageous for this project expansion. The public, local and state governmental officials have already been sufficiently notified of the project expansion through formal press releases and the operator's requests for revised permits.

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In addition, the entire project expansion is to be constructed on Kennecott's privately owned property with the nearest publicly or privately held property at least 3/4 miles distant. The project area is the site of an existing concentrator facility that was previously approved and noticed by the Division in 1987.

3. In evaluating the additional disturbed acreage (117 acres = 85 longterm and 32 temporary), it was determined that the expansion involves a 20% increase over the existing surface disturbance (588 acres). This increase was not considered significant when compared to the existing disturbance.
4. The proposed \$4,430,000 surety increase, was considered to be significant when compared to the existing \$8,263,990 reclamation surety bond. The increase is approximately 54% of the existing reclamation surety for the concentrator facility.

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